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Amendment No. 3 to SB2157

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2157*

House Bill No. 2583

By deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "T-BO Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 17, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

44-17-___. (a) If a person's pet is killed or sustains injuries which result in death caused by the unlawful and intentional, or negligent, act of another or the animal of another, the trier of fact may find the individual causing the death or the owner of the animal causing the death liable for up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in non-economic damages.

(b) As used in this section, "pet" means any domesticated animal normally maintained in or near the household of its owner.

(c) Limits for non-economic damages set out in subsection (a) shall not apply to causes of action for intentional infliction of emotional distress or any other civil action other than the direct and sole loss of a pet.

(d) This section shall not apply to any not-for-profit entity or governmental agency, or their employees, causing the death of a pet while acting on the behalf of public health or animal welfare.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.